

A brilliant entertainment before a company of distinguished guests added another chapter to the Gridiron Club's long list of achievements upon the occasion of the club's annual fall dinner at the New Willard last night. Sparkling dialogue, pungent jest, caustic comment upon public questions and satirization, though not unkindly of public men, furnished a charming program to interlard the dinner.

Many states of the Union furnished to the guest list their quota of men high in official, social, political and business life. Men do not hesitate to come from far afield in response to an invitation to a Gridiron Club dinner, and last night even Canada was represented at the board. These notable assemblies have so grown in size in recent years that this fall it was necessary to limit the number of guests to be invited by each member.

The banquet hall of the New Willard was charmingly decorated and resplendent with color and light. Ceiling and walls were festooned with smilax and greens by Small, and every table was a flower garden. Above President Carson's chair the club's great electric gridiron flashed its welcome to the guests as the other lights in the hall blinked out for the moment. The vast banquet hall had been partitioned off by immense curtains to include an apartment just sufficient to house the company and add to the color scheme.

While members and guests stood by their chairs in the darkened room, illumined on by the flashing gridiron, President Carson welcomed the banqueters in a brief and graceful speech. Then the incandescents lights blazed forth, the company was seated and the cheerful clatter that accompanies dining commenced. The first toast of the evening was to the President of the United States according to custom, everybody standing.

The announcement by President Carson of the one rule of the Gridiron Club, that at a Gridiron dinner "reporters are never present," constructively set the boundaries alike for freedom and limitation of speech.

Eulogies for the Dead.

At last night's dinner one sad service had to be performed. Since last the club gathered about its board four members had passed across the border of this existence. In memoriam, the hall was darkened, and as the likenesses of the departed colleagues were thrown upon a screen by a stereopticon, a member of the club paid feeling tributes to Gen. Henry V. Boynton, E. G. Dunnell, Beriah Wilkins and Henry G. Kemp.

"Only a little while," said the memorialist, "since we last gathered here, yet in so short a time four of our members have passed between the veil that hides the electric lighting from the mortal eye."

"We do not purpose now to emphasize our loss or to pour our grief on sympathetic ears to mark the hour of feasting. But it is not unfeeling that in the midst of scenes in which they played their part so well, so recently, we pause a moment, not to mourn, but to remember."

"One of the youngest of our members, gently born and nurtured, well beloved. He should have died hereafter, yet leaving young friends, an immortal youthfulness of the early dead."

"Wilkins—A successful man of business; an efficient member of Congress; owner of a newspaper and of a large estate, yet though a sufferer for many years, persistent to the end."

"Dunnell—One of the founders and many times an officer of the Gridiron Club; a worker for thirty years; an intelligent and conscientious student of affairs; an acute and tireless investigator; an incisive and courageous writer; a Washington correspondent of the best type."

"Boynton—An unblemished gentleman; a Christian knight; a man of noble colors in two wars, and who, through years of militant newspaper service, carried the sword of righteousness unheated; a fearless journalist; a man of noble purpose and whose work was consecrated by high ideals; a simple-minded man who could not recognize degrees of evil-doing, able only to distinguish right from wrong; unflinchingly loyal; ready if need be to stand alone, facing a hostile world; with us, his comrades, helpful, considerate, self-sacrificing, self-effacing."

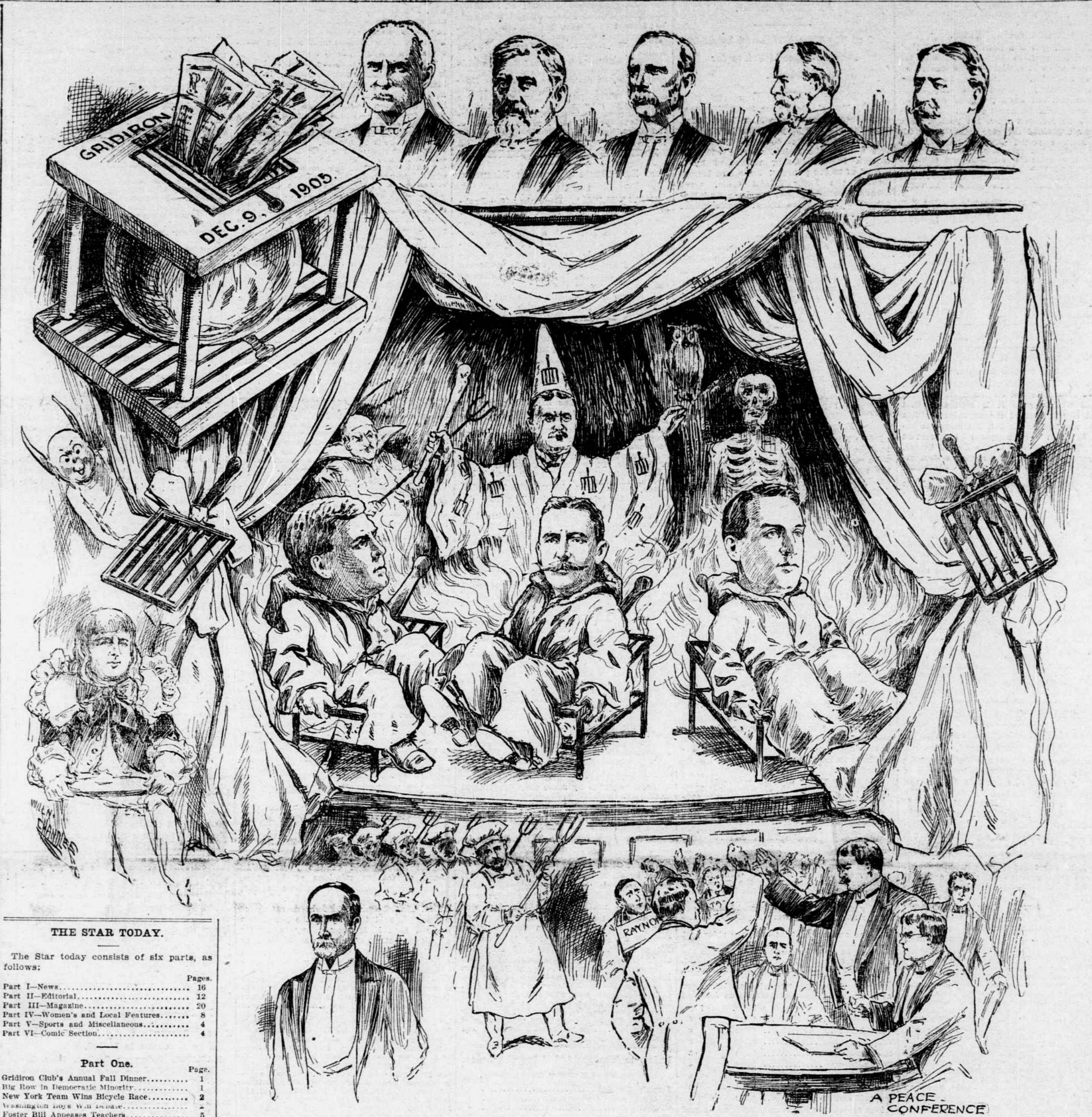
"One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward; would break; never dreamed thought right were wrong; held, we fall to rise; be buffed, to fight better, sleep to wake."

Menu Cards Were Ballots.

When the guests turned to the banquet table each man found before him an interesting souvenir. It was a facsimile of the late-fashioned ballot box, a glass bowl inclosed in standards of wood and carrying the Gridiron Club's colors. This was a "stuffed" ballot box, literally, for in it was a tissue ballot upon which was printed the menu. Copied after the ballot used in the late New York elections, there were seven columns, at the head of which were the emblems of the party to be voted for. Beneath the emblems were proposed "constitutional amendments," being the courses of the dinner, and below these names of the guests, divided into supposititious parties.

A quaint feature of the dinner was the serving of the ice cream. The waiters came bearing real gridirons—"borrowed from Mrs. Willard's kitchen," as one western guest remarked—beneath which were pans of red candy to represent fire. The ice was molded in the form of mannikins, towering upon the gridiron.

At one end of the hall stood a wireless telegraph outfit, which was to furnish (Continued on Third Page.)



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BIG DEMOCRATIC ROW

Lamar and Shackelford "Disciplined" by Minority Leader.

THEY VOW REVENGE

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS.

Said to Be an Anti-Hearst Fanatic
—A Big Fight is Probable.

A storm of cyclonic proportions is gathering over the democratic side of the House of Representatives. When it breaks—and the clouds are expected to open early in the coming week—the ensuing revelation of conditions in the democratic ranks will be nothing short of sensational.

Unless all signs fail, it will then be plainly demonstrated that John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, the democratic floor leader, instead of being at the head of a harmonious and united following, the further hope of one hundred and thirty-seven democrats—is, in fact, the leader of a disaffected body, one fraction of which is on the verge of open revolt.

If Mr. Williams adheres to the recommendations he has prepared with respect to the assignment of minority members to the various House committees, and there is no reason to believe he will not—he will be denounced in the strongest terms that can be used from men who represent a majority to a minority.

He will not only be denounced in unmeasured terms, but documents and letters may be produced in caucus or perhaps even on the floor of the House.

Representative John Sharp Williams.

Representative D. W. Shackelford.

Personal Antipathy to Hearst.

He will be charged with fanatical opposition and personal antipathy toward Representative Hearst of New York—opposition of such a character as to obscure his vision and cloud his judgment—and he will be charged with having endeavored to discipline two prominent members of the democratic minority for an offense which they deny ever having committed. And last, but not least, he will be charged with his disposing of the property.

Sandell was apprehended through his efforts to dispose of jewelry in Milwaukee. He came to this city from Buffalo on Monday in company with Olson. They sought to convert the jewelry into ready cash. Several of the rings were sold for from \$10 to \$15 each. The purchasers became suspicious, and the arrest followed.

Diamonds Lost in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 9.—Four weeks ago Russell Clarke, a jeweler at 636 Wilson avenue, lost a package containing diamond rings valued at \$1,400 in a street car. Clarke advertised for the lost diamonds and also placed the matter in the hands of the local police. The arrest of the men at Milwaukee is supposed to mean that the lost valuables were traced to them.

BEST SECURITY FOR PEACE.

Roosevelt Quoted by German Chancellor at Berlin.

BERLIN, December 9.—Chancellor Von Bülow, approving the fresh naval proposals in the Reichstag today, quoted President Roosevelt at length on the guarantee of peace afforded by a strong navy. He said that not President Roosevelt alone in the United States, but other presidents and various parties took the sound view that the best security for peace was an adequate navy.

The chancellor also mentioned the advantage to the south during the civil war of a navy until the north built a more powerful navy.

Hotel Man Seriously Ill.

BALTIMORE, Md., December 9.—Joseph M. Cone, a well-known hotel man of this city and Washington, is seriously ill at a private sanitarium here.